

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:328

ANSWERED ON:13.03.2003

QUALITY FOOD TO TRAIN PASSENGERS AT REASONABLE RATES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation has been set up to provide quality food through departmental and private contractors to the train passengers at Reasonable rates;
- (b) if so, whether the quality of food items supplied has been deteriorating;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government have not effected any increase in the sale price of food items for the last three – four years;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the time by which the better catering services will be provided to the passengers?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 328 BY SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH RAJUKHEDI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.03.2003 REGARDING QUALITY OF FOOD TO TRAIN PASSENGERS AT REASONABLE RATES.

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : No, Sir.

(c) : Does not arise.

(d) to (f) : The sale prices of food items are fixed uniformly for departmental and private licensee. During the last 4 years there has been an increase of sale price of standard meals in June 1999 and an increase of price of tea/coffee in September 2000. However, the tariff of a-la-carte items are fixed on the zonal railways and are reviewed from time to time.